



President’s Message – Barbara Kalbli

Season’s Greetings,

The holidays are quickly approaching and this year is proving to be much different than 2020. During the fall season, the Auxiliary has been actively involved at Cheyenne Mountain Zoo with BBY, Carts, Special Events, ZOOM and, of course, Safaris and Tours. Anne Wardrop recorded over 900 Service Hours for the month of October - awesome job, Docents! I have the pleasure of reporting our activities at the Zoo’s monthly Board of Directors meetings and can attest to the Board’s appreciation of our volunteer efforts.

Speaking of appreciation, the Keeper / Staff Appreciation luncheon was a huge success. Thanks to all who attended, supported and assisted with the annual event. The decor was enchanting and the food - outstanding! I believe the staff participation was at an all-time high and they were so grateful for the Auxiliary’s efforts. I especially liked the fact that I observed a lot of “mingling” between staff and docents during the luncheon.

As you know, the Board approved the recommendation of the Tech Committee to discontinue using Better Impact for scheduling, as of December 2021. The return to SignUp Genius has been a smooth transition. In fact, SignUp Genius proved to be an excellent tool for organizing the Keeper / Staff luncheon. Your understanding and support are instrumental in achieving this positive outcome.

The holidays are a time to reflect and to give thanks. I am very grateful for the support you have shown me. As 2021 comes to an end, I am reminded that material “things” are not that important...the important “things” in life are our loved ones (present and not), community and health. My best and warmest holiday wishes go to each and every person in our Docent Family.

Barbara



Linnea McDonald and Joelle Shreves, Editors

DATES TO KNOW

Meetings start at 9:30 a.m.

- DecemberNo meetings
- Dec 4 Holiday Party... Marie Poyzer’s
- Jan 5 Board Meeting Safari Lodge
- Jan 8 IE Meeting EdVenture
- Jan 12 ... TE Meeting Safari Lodge
- Jan 26 ... Education Mtg Safari Lodge
- Feb 2 Board Meeting ... Safari Lodge
- Feb 12 Joint TE /IE Meeting LML
- Feb 23 Education Mtg Safari Lodge

CECs and TRAINING

January training times TBA

- Jan 8 ... Zoo School starts... Safari Lodge
 - Jan 15, 22 & 29 ... Zoo School continues
at the Safari Lodge
- CECs available for some Zoo School sessions – specifics will be e-mailed

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Saturday, December 4th
2:00-5:00 P.M.

Keeper Appreciation Luncheon

The annual Zoo Staff and Keeper Appreciation Luncheon was Nov 10th after the monthly TE meeting. I feel pretty confident to say IT WAS A SMASHING SUCCESS!! And I am certainly not a one-man band.



Thanks to everyone who brought delicious food to round out the great sandwiches catered from Costco. A very special thanks to Barbara who helped me pull it all together. Thanks to Sue for streamlining the sign-up process through Sign-Up Genius. And for the many, many ladies (and husband, maybe Ron



Solomon) who came to help set up Tuesday evening and clean up afterwards. Many of you met my daughter Milan. She took me from 0-60 with the decorations. Nothing lights her fire like planning a party!! She insisted on having Monkey Juice and Jungle Juice. The coffee maker even contributed, becoming "Swamp Water" – VERY fitting.



More important than anything is that I believe our amazing Zoo staff looks forward to this lunch each year and knows that we truly love and appreciate them.

Again, many thanks,

Kim Katalin, Social Chair

Remembrances for January Issue

In January, we will be publishing an "In Memory" section with some stories and reminiscences about docents who passed on in 2021.



If you have any thoughts, stories or memories of these docents, please send them to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com by December 18th: Joanna Fischer, Class of 1986 and Chuck Zeitvogel, Class of 1991. If you know of anyone we're missing, please let us know.

Treasurer's Report

The Operating Account at the end of October listed payments in May-October for office equipment, Corresponding Sectary, Social, Service Registrar, Animal Enrichment, Biofacts and Programs. The October ending balance was \$3,300.59.



The Restricted Account showed income in October from Class of 2022 background check payments and the Safeway Rewards program. The balance in the Restricted Account at the end of October was \$29,300.12. This balance includes payments from King Soopers since May 1 of \$4,325.30.

Field Trip Journal



November 6, 2021 found 19 Docents enjoying the hospitality of 3 Denver Zoo Docents;

Mike, Katherine and Mary. We got to see old exhibits and their newly opened Penguin exhibit plus the new Veterinarian Hospital with 2 surgical suites and a CT scan. It was great seeing their pride in their Zoo just as we are of Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

By 1 pm we were enjoying a quick lunch and then took a short walk over to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. The goal of the 13 of us was mainly to see their "Survival of the Slowest" animal Exhibit from the Denver Zoo. This featured a two-toed sloth, a green iguana, a chameleon and several other species that manage to thrive in a world where large, strong and fast animals are often at the top of the food chain. Some of us ended the field trip at the Egyptian exhibit or the IMAX relaxing in comfortable chairs watching *Sea Lion: Life by a Whisker*.



All in all, it was great time.

Many thanks to the Denver Zoo: Kelly Bockert, People & Culture Manager; Docents: Mike, Katherine and Mary.

Joan Adkins, Field Trip Chair

Animal Enrichment Adventures

Thank you to our wonderful cannoli makers in November.....Mindy Mahler, Marsha Fogarty, Anne Wardrop and Jean Bennett. The popcorn crew again provided us with popcorn which is much appreciated.

We always need paper towel and toilet rolls, with one end closed. There are marked containers for each in The DRC. If they are filled, please separate them in bags and lay them on top of the filled containers. Thank you in advance. We could also use some more Cheerios-type cereal.



We are making cannolis on December 7th. I have sent out a separate notice asking for volunteers.

Ellie Solomon, Enrichment Chair

Articles and Information of Interest

- From Cris Stoddard: “A really great piece you can link to, from the Audubon Rockies – *Beavers Offer Help for Western Waters*”
<https://bit.ly/beavershelpwater>
- Free educational Zoom webinars on various topics are available from the National Zoo website. Registration requested for live events, some archives are available to watch for a limited time after the webinar.
<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/education/zoo-webinars>

CMZA Zoo Line Information



Please send all submissions – information, articles, pictures. etc. – to cmza.zooline@yahoo.com.
The deadline for the January issue is Thursday, December 18th. Thank you,

Linnea McDonald & Joelle Shreves, Editors



Ember, looking for enrichment – by Deborah Compton

More Pictures from the Appreciation Lunch



Appreciation Lunch Pictures:

Buffet Line, Poster, Docent group and beverages – courtesy of Kim Katalin

Table decorations and Dr. Liza presenting – courtesy of Barbara Kalbli

Field Trip Pictures courtesy of Joan Adkins.



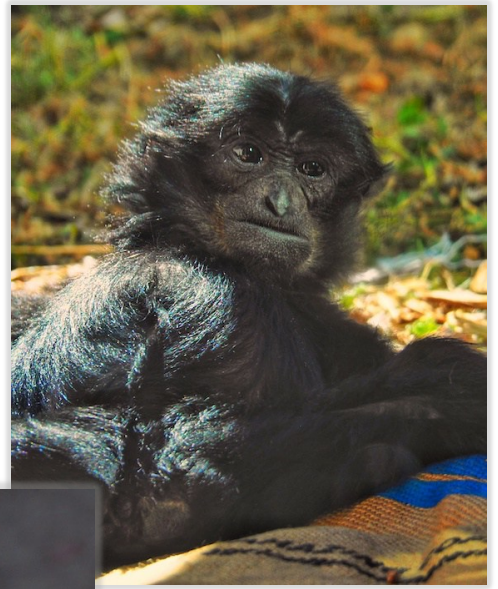
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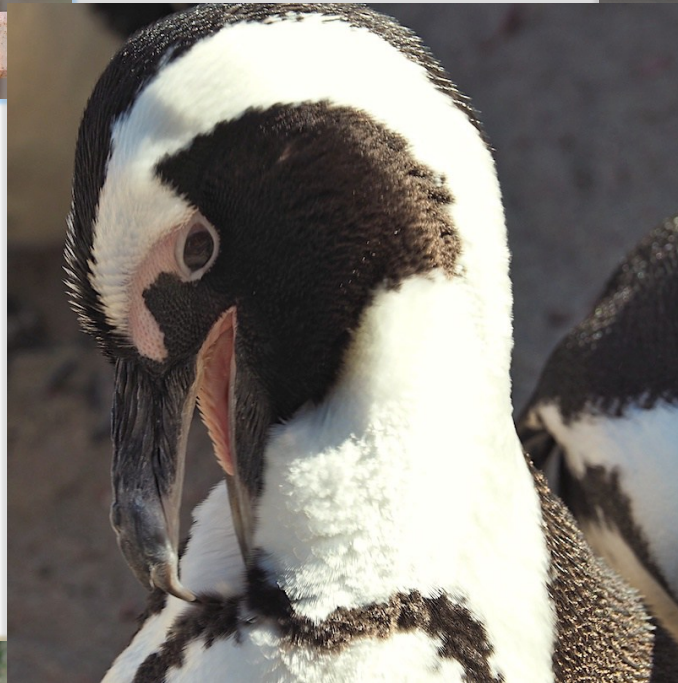
*Above – Growing Up
Peachick by Susan Hoxie*



*Top Center – Sonali
(Leopard Gecko)
by Susan Hoxie*



*Above – Rahsia
by Deborah Compton*



*Left – Papillae on
Penguin Tongue
by Deborah Compton*

*Below – Alif and Bentley
by Susan Hoxie*

*Below – Honey
by Susan Hoxie*



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taken by Susan Hoxie*

